

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A data communication system comprising:

a client computer and a server being capable of communicating data with each other,

wherein said client computer includes a first font transmitting unit for transmitting font information data representing fonts which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer; and

wherein said server comprises:

a first receiving unit for receiving the font information data that has been transmitted from said first font transmitting unit of said client computer;

a font search unit for searching for fonts, which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer, from among fonts capable of being output at said server, on the basis of fonts represented by the font information data that has been received by said first receiving unit; and

a second font transmitting unit for transmitting font information data representing the fonts, which have been found by said font search unit, to said client computer.
2. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 1,

wherein said client computer further includes an operating-system transmitting unit for transmitting operating-system data, which represents an operating system of said client computer to said server; and

wherein said server further includes an operating-system data receiving unit for receiving the operating-system data transmitted from said operating-system data transmitting unit of said client computer;

said font search unit searching for fonts, which are capable of being output at said client computer, on the basis of the operating system represented by the operating-system data that has been received by said operating-system data receiving unit and the fonts represented by the font information data that has been received by said first receiving unit.

3. (Original) The system according to claim 2, wherein said server further includes a first reporting unit for reporting fonts, which are capable of being output, in association with an operating system.

4. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein said client computer further comprises:

a selection unit for selecting a type of document to be created; and

a selection-data transmitting unit for transmitting selection data, which represents the type of document selected by said selection unit, to said server; and

said server further includes a selection-data receiving unit for receiving the document selection data that has been transmitted from said client computer;

said font search unit searching for fonts, which are capable of being output at said client computer, on the basis of the type of document represented by the selection data

that has been received by said selection-data receiving unit and the font information data that has been received by said first receiving unit.

5. (Original) The system according to claim 4, wherein said server further includes a second reporting unit for reporting fonts, which are capable of being output, in association with the type of document.

6. (Previously presented) A client computer capable of communicating data with a server,

wherein:

font information data representing fonts which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer are transmitted from said client computer to said server;

said server searches fonts capable of being output at said server for fonts which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer based upon fonts represented by the font information data that has been transmitted from said client computer, and transmits font information data representing the fonts that have been found to said client computer; and

said client computer comprises:

a receiving unit for receiving font information data that has been transmitted from said server; and

a reporting unit for reporting fonts represented by the font information data that has been received by said receiving unit.

7. (Previously presented) A server capable of communicating data with a client computer, comprising:

a receiving unit for receiving font information data transmitted from said client computer and representing fonts which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer;

a search unit for searching for fonts, which are capable of being output at said client computer, from among fonts capable of being output at said server, on the basis of fonts represented by the font information data that has been received by said first receiving unit; and

a transmitting unit for transmitting font information data, which represents fonts that have been found by said search unit, to said client computer.

8. (Previously presented) A method of controlling a server which communicates data with a client computer, comprising:

receiving font information data that has been transmitted from the client computer and that represents fonts which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer;

searching for fonts, which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at the client computer, from among fonts capable of being output at the server, on the basis of fonts represented by the font information data that has been received; and

transmitting font information data representing the fonts that have been found to the client computer.

9. (Previously presented) A computer-readable recording medium storing a program for controlling a client computer capable of communicating with a server, wherein the client computer transmits font information data representing fonts which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer to the server, said server searches fonts capable of being output at said server for fonts which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer based upon fonts represented by the font information data that has been transmitted from said client computer, and transmits font information data representing the fonts that have been found to said client computer;

said program controlling the client computer so as to:

receive font information data that has been transmitted from said server; and

report fonts represented by the font information data that has been received.

10. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein said client computer further comprises a font name display device that displays a font name represented by the font information data transmitted from said second font transmitting unit of said server.

11. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said client computer further comprises:

a font determination unit that determines a font used in an ~~the~~ edited image from among the font information data transmitted from said second font transmitting unit of said server; and

image editing means for editing an image using a font determined by said font determination unit.

12. (Previously presented) A data communication system comprising:

means for communicating data between a client computer and a server,

wherein said client computer comprises means for transmitting font information data including fonts which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer; and

wherein said server comprises:

means for receiving the font information data transmitted from said means for transmitting;

means for searching for fonts, which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer, from among fonts capable of being output at said server, on the basis of the font information data received by said means for receiving; and

second means for transmitting font information data, including the fonts that have been identified by said means for searching, to said client computer.

13. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein a printing quality of the server is greater than that of a printing quality of the client computer.

14. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein a storage capacity of the server is larger than that of a storage capacity of the client computer.

15. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 2, wherein said operating-system data comprises a type of document being created by the client computer.
16. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 1, further comprising a printer attached to said server.
17. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 16, wherein said font information data, including fonts capable of being output from said server and capable of being output at said client computer, comprises fonts capable of being printed by said printer.
18. (Previously presented) A data communication system comprising:
- a client computer; and
 - a server in communication with said client computer;
- wherein said client computer comprises:
- a first font transmitting unit that transmits a first font information data, including fonts which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer, to said server; and
 - a first receiving unit that receives a second font information data from said server; and
- wherein said server comprises:
- a second receiving unit for receiving the first font information data transmitted from said first font transmitting unit of said client computer;

a second font transmitting unit that transmits the second font information data from said server to said client computer; and

means for ensuring that a font which are stored on the client computer and employed by the client computer is capable of being output by the server.

19. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 18, wherein said means for ensuring comprises:

a font search unit that searches for fonts capable of being output at said client computer and capable of being output at said server, based on the first font information data received from said client computer by said first receiving unit, and generates said second font information data comprising fonts capable of being output at said client computer and capable of being output at said server.

20. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 19, further comprising a printer attached to said server, said printer capable of printing fonts output from said server.

21. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 19, wherein said font information data, including fonts capable of being output from said server and capable of being output at said client computer, comprises fonts capable of being printed by a printer of the server.

22. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein said font information data representing said fonts which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer, comprises:

a list of names of said fonts which are stored on said client computer and which are capable of being output at said client computer.

23. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein said font information data representing the fonts, which have been found by said font search unit, comprises:

a list of names of said fonts which are stored on said client computer and which are capable of being output at said client computer, and which match names of fonts which have been found by said font search unit to be capable of being output at said server.

24. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein said font search unit compares said fonts, which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer, with said fonts, which are capable of being output at said server.

25. (New) The system according to claim 24, wherein said font search unit matches at least one of said fonts, which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer, with a font of said fonts, which are capable of being output at said server.

26. (New) The system according to claim 24, wherein said font search unit selectively determines which fonts of said fonts, which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer, are capable of being output at said server.

27. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein said font search unit compares and contrasts said fonts, which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer, with said fonts, which are capable of being output at said server, and

wherein said font search unit identifies said fonts, which are stored on said client computer and capable of being output at said client computer, which are capable of being output at said server.

28. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein said font information data representing the fonts, which have been found by said font search unit, comprises:

a list of names of said fonts, which are stored on said client computer and which are capable of being output at said client computer, and which match names of said fonts which are capable of being output at said server, and

wherein said font search unit generates said list of names of said fonts.

29. (New) The system according to claim 28, wherein said font search unit generates said list of names of said fonts based on at least one of an operating system of said client computer, a service selected by said client computer, and client information of said client computer.

30. (New) The system according to claim 10, wherein said second font transmitting unit transmits said font information data representing the fonts, which have been found by said font search unit, to said client computer for display by said font name display device of said client computer to a user such that said user can selectively create documents using said fonts which have been determined to be stored on said client computer, which have been determined to be capable of being output at said client computer, and which have been determined to be capable of being output at said server.